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Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PCT/IE00/00084
 -filed July 5, 2000

Re: Application of John Frederick FRITSCH and Roxanne Yvonne FRITSCH

A PROTECTIVE DEVICE

Our Ref: Q67954

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an English translation of the International Application.
- 3 sheets of drawings.
- a Form PTO-1449 listing the ISR references.
- a Preliminary Amendment
- a Written Opinion under PCT Rule 66

The Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

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| Total claims | <u>20</u> | - | 20 | = | 0 | x | \$9.00 | = | \$.00 |
| Independent claims | <u>4</u> | - | 3 | = | 1 | x | \$42.00 | = | \$42.00 |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | \$445.00 |

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| TOTAL FEE | \$487.00 |
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$487.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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Respectfully submitted,

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